

Consolidated Plan

Citizen Participation Plan

**Lafayette City-Parish
Consolidated Government**

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I. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) is an entitlement recipient of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended), HOME Investment Partnerships funds (HOME) under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and Emergency Shelter Grant funds (ESG) under the Stewart B. McKinney Act. The LCG's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) was prepared in accordance with section 104(a)3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and has been amended as required for the Consolidated Plan in accordance with CFR Part 91, Section 105. The purpose of the CPP is to outline the procedures for citizens' participation in the development and implementation of the LCG's Five-Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans, Annual Performance Reports and substantial amendments to five-year or annual plans.

A key element of the Consolidated Planning process is citizen participation. The CPP is designed to encourage the participation of low- and moderate-income households, particularly those living in slum and/or blighted areas and in areas where CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds are proposed to be used. The CPP encourages the participation of all citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with mobility, visual and/or hearing impediments. The CPP also encourages the participation of public and assisted housing residents in the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The DCD provides information to the Housing Authority of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana regarding Consolidated Plan activities affecting its public housing development sites and surrounding communities so that the housing agency may make this information available at its annual public hearing required under the Public Housing Comprehensive Grant Program.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSOLIDATED PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The following narrative describes how citizens of Lafayette Parish can become involved in the development of the LCG's Five-Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans (also known as Action Plans), Annual Performance Reports (also known as Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports, or CAPERs) and substantial amendments. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies housing and community development priority needs (in quantifiable terms) within the jurisdiction of the LCG. It also identifies the funding (public and private) and the activities required to address priority needs over a five-year period. The Annual Plan identifies the housing and community development funding and activities that the LCG anticipates being available during each of the program years covered by the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Plan also serves as the consolidated application for the three (3) federal entitlement programs utilized by the LCG: 1) CDBG, 2) HOME, and 3) ESG. The Annual Performance Report provides the public with the means to gauge the progress of each activity listed in an Annual Action Plan. This document is prepared at the end of each program year covered by a Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

1. Citizen Participation in the Development of Five-Year Consolidated Plans and Annual

Plans

1. Consultation Meetings

During the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the DCD will hold consultation meetings with local service providers (public and private) to obtain their opinion on the housing and community development needs of “special needs” households in Lafayette Parish. These households include: 1) elderly/frail elderly; 2) persons with HIV/AIDS; 3) substance abusers; 4) persons with developmental disabilities; 5) persons with mental disabilities; 6) persons with physical disabilities; and 7) the homeless. The consultation meetings will begin approximately one year prior to the preparation of a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The DCD will submit invitations to the appropriate agencies, stating the date, time and location of each meeting. During the development of an Annual Plan, the DCD will consult with local agencies and identify low/mod-income housing and community development activities that will occur during the DCD’s upcoming program year.

2. Neighborhood Pride Meetings

Prior to the development of a Five-Year Plan, representatives from the DCD will attend regularly scheduled Neighborhood Pride group meetings. This organization is comprised of neighborhood groups from central Lafayette, all of which operate within areas that may benefit from activities funded by LCG’s CDBG, HOME and ESG grant programs. During these meetings, DCD representatives will discuss the Consolidated Planning process and the federal entitlement programs utilized by the LCG. The DCD will also provide a Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment Survey (See Appendix 1). This survey will be completed by Neighborhood Pride members and collected by the DCD one month later. The survey results will assist the DCD in identifying priority housing and community development needs.

2. Public Hearings

Through formal public hearings, the general public has the opportunity to assist the DCD in identifying priority housing and community development needs, and making recommendations for funding to the City-Parish Council. Two types of public hearings will be discussed in this section - public hearings for Five-Year Consolidated Plans and public hearings for annual plans.

1. Public Hearings for Five-Year Consolidated Plan

a. Public Hearing #1

The focus of public hearing #1 will be to introduce the general public to the consolidated planning process and to describe the types of housing and community development issues covered by the forthcoming Five-Year Plan. The DCD will present to the public, needs information collected from consultations with special needs agencies and other sources (e.g., census data, existing studies). The general public will then have the opportunity to provide their views and comments on proposed needs. The DCD will ask that the general public provide available supporting data, or the location of supporting data, for each priority need they suggest. This data may be mailed or faxed to the DCD office (see pg. 12, “M. Submitting Comments Regarding Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans, Annual Performance Reports and Substantial Amendments”). The deadline for submitting this information will be two weeks after public hearing #1.

The LCG may also use public hearing #1 to discuss its previous year’s performance in providing housing and community development services. If the DCD does not discuss performance issues at this hearing, a separate meeting will be held at a time and date determined by the DCD. Invitations will be sent to each agency represented in the previous year’s Annual Plan and public notices will be published in the Lafayette Southern Consumer Times and/or the Daily Advertiser.

b. Public Hearing #2

Public hearing #2 will be held one to two months after hearing #1. The primary purpose of this hearing will be to finalize priority housing and community development needs for the proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The DCD will discuss comments received from the general public regarding priority needs and the reasons for considering or not considering certain comments. Also discussed will be the anticipated entitlement funding, program income and fund balance availability. Applications for federal entitlement funds and prior year’s fund balance (if available) will be provided. The deadline for submitting applications to the DCD office will be approximately one month after public hearing #2. The DCD will publish public notices in the Southern Consumer Times and/or the Lafayette Daily Advertiser requesting proposals for upcoming federal funding and fund balance (if available). The notice will also summarize the Consolidated Planning process and list the types of priority activities that will be considered for funding during the period covered by the LCG’s current, HUD approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

2. Public Hearings for Annual Plan (or Action Plan)

Public Hearings for Annual Plans (also known as Action Plans) will be conducted in a manner similar to hearings held for the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (the main difference being not as much time is devoted to identifying priority needs since needs are established during the Five-Year Consolidated Planning process).

a. Public Hearing #1

The focus of public hearing #1 is for the DCD to publicly discuss the consolidated planning process and to describe the types of housing and community development needs that will be considered for funding during the upcoming program year. Also discussed will be the anticipated availability of federal entitlement funds, program income and fund balance. The LCG may also use public hearing #1 as an Annual Performance hearing to discuss the progress of the previous year's Annual Plan activities in relation to the goals established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. If this does not occur, the LCG will hold a Performance meeting at a later date. Invitations will be sent to each agency represented in the previous year's Annual Plan and public notices announcing hearing #1 will be placed in the Southern Consumer Times and/or the Lafayette Daily Advertiser .

b. Public Hearing #2

The DCD will conduct public hearing #2 to discuss proposals submitted for CDBG, HOME, ESG, or prior year's fund balance. Applicants will be required to discuss their proposed activities at this hearing, affording the general public the opportunity to comment on upcoming activities prior to the DCD submitting it's recommendations for funding to the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Council. The general public will have two weeks after this hearing to submit comments to the DCD. Public notices announcing hearing #2 will be placed in the Southern Consumer Times and/or the Lafayette Daily Advertiser.

c. Public Hearing #3

Public Hearing #3 will occur after the Lafayette City-Parish Council has been briefed. Agencies applying for funds will discuss amendments to proposals submitted for CDBG, HOME, ESG and prior year's fund balance. This hearing will allow the general public the opportunity to comment on proposed activities prior to the DCD submitting it's recommendations for funding to the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Council. Public notices announcing hearing #3 will be placed in the Southern Consumer Times and/or the Lafayette Daily Advertiser.

3. Other Public Meetings

The Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Council will hold two public meetings prior to the adoption of a Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan/budget. At the first of these meetings, the plan will be introduced to the council. No public discussion will occur. At the second meeting, the council will discuss, change and/or adopt the proposed plan and budget. Public comments regarding the proposed plan may be provided at this meeting. Council hearings are held at 5:30 p.m., normally on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, in the Ted A. Ardoin City-Parish Council Auditorium, 705 West University Avenue (First Floor), Lafayette, LA. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Prior to these two meetings, the council may call for a briefing on the proposed plan and budget. This meeting will also be open to the public.

4. Locations of Public Hearings

The primary locations for Consolidated Plan public hearings and meetings are: 1) Clifton Chenier Community Services Center (Town Hall, Building C), 220 West Willow Street, Lafayette, La.; 2) Ted A. Ardoin City-Parish Council Auditorium, 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, La.; and the 3) The Greenhouse, 110 Northeast Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, La.. Most hearings will begin at 5:15 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.. All interested parties are invited to attend. Transportation and/or translators for disabled and/or non-English speaking persons will be made available by the LCG upon request (Please call the LCG, Department of Community Development - 291-8422.). Deadlines for transportation/translator requests are approximately two weeks before the date of the public hearing. Public notices for these hearings will be published in at least one local newspaper, no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks prior to the public hearing date (please see map on page 13 for additional information).

C. Amendments to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Plan

5. Amendments to the Consolidated Plan

During the month of October, interested parties may submit requests for amendments to priority housing and community development needs, as identified in the LCG's Five-Year Strategic Plan. When submitting a request for an amendment to the LCG Consolidated Plan, please also submit supporting data. The DCD will review the request and data over a two to four week period. Once the review is completed, the DCD will provide a response stating the reasons for considering or not considering an amendment. A summary of comments and responses will be appended to the LCG's upcoming federal program year's Annual Plan prior to its release for public review. If a request for a priority need amendment is accepted, the DCD will follow the procedures for a substantial amendment, explained in this report. (See pg. 6, "2. Amendments to an Annual Plan".)

6. Amendments to an Annual Plan

In general, amendments will be made when: 1) the LCG makes a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds; 2) to carry out an activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the Annual Plan; 3) or to change the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity.

Some amendments will be considered “substantial” by the LCG and will be subject to the citizens participation process. Substantial amendments apply to activities funded by CDBG, HOME, ESG, fund balance, and program income and occur when:

- ◆ the amendment represents an activity that was NOT previously described in an Annual Plan (regardless of the proposed funding amount for that activity);
- ◆ the amendment represents an increase or decrease in the original, HUD approved budget for a particular activity and that changed amount is equal to or greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of its original budgeted amount;
- ◆ a change in the project location of over 2.5 miles (for site specific activities only);
- ◆ prior to a recipient completely expending its total entitlement grant on an activity, it declares a decrease of 25% or more in the number of program beneficiaries or a 25% change in the type of beneficiaries originally reported to and approved by the LCG.

In the event of a substantial amendment, the LCG will publish an ad in the Southern Consumer Times and/or the Lafayette Daily Advertiser announcing the release of the amended Plan for a public review period of thirty (30) days. The notice will be published no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks prior to the release of the amendments for public review. Public service announcements disclosing the availability of the amended Plan will be submitted to local radio and television stations. Copies of the proposed substantial amendment(s) will be located at the public review locations. (Please see pg. 9, “E. Public Review of Consolidated Planning Documents”.)

The LCG will consider written comments submitted to the department, or oral comments received at public hearings, if the substantial amendment is discussed at a public hearing (*Note: There is no federal requirement for substantial amendment public hearings.*) A summary of these comments or views, as well as a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefor will be attached to the final amended Plan.

4. Public Notices and Public Service Announcements

The LCG will solicit the assistance of the following media agencies, businesses and churches to disseminate public notices and public service announcements for Consolidated Planning hearings and the availability of Consolidated Planning documents for public review:

Newspapers:

The Lafayette Daily Advertiser

Southern Consumer Times

Radio:

KACY-FM	KROF- 105.1 FM/960 AM	KVOL-105.9 FM/1330 AM
KAJN-102.9 FM	KRRQ- Q95 FM	KFXZ- 106 FM
KFTE- 96.5 FM	KSIG- 102.1 FM	KRVS- 88.7 FM
KISS- 102.9 FM	KSJY- 90.9 FM	KPEL- 107.7 FM/ 1420 AM
KJCB-	KSMB- 94.5 FM	
KMDL- 97.3 FM	KTDY- 99.9	

Television:

KPLC - CHANNEL 7	KATC - CHANNEL 3
KADN - CHANNEL 15	KLFY - CHANNEL 10
AOC - Open Access (Cable CH. 5)	

Notices for public hearings will be submitted to the following area grocery stores:

Acadian Food Mart	Helo's Grocery	Penny Saver
Albert & Annie's Little General	Henry's Grocery	Pep's Meat and Grocery
Alton LeBlanc's Grocery	Joe's Bestway	Piggly Wiggly Four Corners
Broussard Supermarket	Kim's Grocery	Pop-N-Go
Bruce's You Need A Butcher	Langeaux's Country Store	Randy's Superette
C & C Mini Mart	M & S Grocery	Michael's Food Store
Champagne's Food Mart	Melancon Bros. Grocery	Ridge Grocery
Darby's Grocery and Market	Milton Quality Grocery	Romero's Food Center
Don's Country Corner	Mire's Grocery	Sid's One Stop
Don's Country Mart	Mouton's Food Mart	T and J Grocery
Early's Food Store	Ossun Market Villa	Theriot's Grocery
Gary's I.G. Grocery & Market	Pat's Grocery and Meat	Forest Grocery

Notices for public hearings will be submitted to the following area churches:

Acadiana Church of Faith and Victory	Good Hope Baptist Church	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Asbury UMC	Harvest Church International	St. Basil
Assumption Catholic Church	Holy Cross Church	St. Benedict The Moor Church
Bethel Assembly of God	Imani Temple #49 African-American	St. Edmond Catholic Church
Bethel Baptist Church	Immaculate Heart of Mary	St. Elizabeth Seton
Calvary Bastist Church	Immanuel United Methodist Church	St. Genevieve Church
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office	Jehovah's Witnesses (Fall Brook Ave.)	St. James Baptist Church
Christ Gospel Church	Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall (Tulouse)	St. Johns Cathedral
Christ The King Church	Lafayette Church of God	St. Joseph Church (Broussard)
Christian Training Church	Lafayette Korean Church	St. Joseph's Church (Milton)
Community Church of God	Lewis Temple CME Church	St. Jules Church
Covenant-United Methodist Church	Little Refuge Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ	St. Martin De Porres
Divine Mercy House of Prayer	Living Word Church	St. Mary Church
Duson Baptist Mission	Mount Bethel Baptist Church	St. Patrick's Church
East Bayou Baptist Church	Mount Calvary Church Charismatic Believers	St. Paul's Church
Emmanuel Baptist Church	New Beginnings Worship Center	St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
Episcopal Church Of The Ascension	Northgate Church of Christ	St. Peter's Baptist Church
Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit	Northside Baptist Church	St. Pius X
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation	Northwood United Methodist	St. Teresa's Church
Family Life Christian Fellowship	Our Lady of Fatima	Sts. Peter and Paul
Fill The Gap World Out Reach	Our Lady of Wisdom	The Central Baptist Church
First Assembly Of God	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The Grace Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Trinity Bible Church
First Baptist Church of Milton	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Trinity CME Church
First Baptist Church of Youngsville	Progressive Baptist Church	Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS
First Christian Church	Riverside Church of Christ	True Vine Ministries
First Church of Christ Scientist	South College Road Church of Christ	United Pentecostal Church - Faith Temple
First Lutheran Church	Southside Bible Chapel	Vineyard Christian Fellowship
First Presbyterian Church	Spirit of Liberty Christian Fellowship	Wesley United Campus Ministry
First United Methodist Church	Springs of Living Water	Word of Faith Ministry
Gethsemane Church of God in Christ		

E. Public Review of Consolidated Planning Documents

Consolidated Planning documents will be available for public review at the following locations (Also, please see map on pg. 13, “Map of Public Hearing and Document Review Sites”):

- ◆ LCG - Department of Community Development: 705 West University Avenue (Second floor - City/Parish Hall), Lafayette, LA; Ph: (337) 291-8422
- ◆ Lafayette Consolidated Council Office/Auditorium: 705 West University Avenue (First Floor - City/Parish Hall), Lafayette, LA; Ph.#: (337) 291-8810
- ◆ Lafayette Public Library: 301 West Congress Street (Second floor, Reference Department) Lafayette, LA; Ph#: (337) 261-5787
- ◆ Lafayette Public Library - Clifton Chenier Community Services Center (Town Hall -Building C):, 220 West Willow Street, Lafayette, LA; Ph#: (337) 291-2941
- ◆ Housing Authority of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana: 100 C. O. Circle, (Low-Rent/ Section 8 Office); Lafayette LA; Ph#: (337) 233-1327

A reasonable number of free copies of proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans or Annual Performance Reports will be provided by the DCD to citizens and groups that request them (one document per household, group or agency). Copies of HUD approved documents (Five-Year Plans and Annual Plans) as well as copies of the LCG ,CPP will be made available (one document per household, group or agency), upon request, to the general public at the LCG, DCD office.

F. Annual Performance Reports

At the Consolidated Planning public hearing #1, or during a separate hearing, the DCD will discuss the jurisdiction and its subrecipients performance in achieving the goals established in the prior year’s Annual Plan. Local citizens will have fifteen (15) days to review and comment on the LCG’s Annual Performance Reports. The report will be available at several locations (see pg.9, "E. Public Review of Consolidated Planning Documents"). Public notices announcing the availability of this report will be published in the Southern Consumer Times and/or the Lafayette Daily Advertiser, no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks prior to the document’s release. The LCG will consider any comments received at the performance hearing or submitted to the DCD office. (Please see pg. 12, “M. Submitting Comments Regarding Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans, Annual Performance Reports and Substantial Amendments”). A summary of the comments or views will be attached to the final performance report. Once completed, this document will be submitted to HUD for approval.

7. Access to Records

The LCG, DCD will provide reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the jurisdiction’s Consolidated Plan and the jurisdiction’s use of assistance under the programs covered by this part during the preceding five years, to citizens, public agencies and other interested parties.

H. Technical Assistance

The LCG , DCD will provide technical assistance to groups representing low- and moderate-income persons who are requesting assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under any of the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan, with the level and type of assistance determined by the LCG. A copy of the LCG's grant application packet will be mailed to previous grant applicants, or those who have expressed an interest in applying for grant funds. The packets include a list of required information along with a telephone number to call for assistance in completing the grant application.

I. Minimizing Displacement of Persons

As per HUD regulations, the CPP must set forth the jurisdiction's plans to minimize displacement of persons and to assist any persons displaced. In the event that a person or family is displaced by any CDBG or HOME funded activity, the LCG will provide assistance in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970. The Relocation Policy and Procedures contained in the LCG, DCD's Housing and Counseling Services Manual will be utilized for temporary displacement assistance.

10. Complaints

The LCG will provide a timely, substantive written response to every written complaint from citizens regarding Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans, Annual Performance Reports, and amendments within fifteen (15) working days. Complaints may be mailed or faxed to: Lafayette Consolidated Government - Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502; Fax#: (337) 291-8415. To speak with someone in the DCD office, please dial (337) 291-8402.

11. Use of Citizens Participation Plan and the Jurisdiction's Responsibility

The LCG will follow its Citizens Participation Plan, as adopted, and the requirements for citizen participation do not restrict the responsibility or authority of the jurisdiction for the development and execution of its Consolidated Plan.

12. Schedule of Activities

The following table chronologically lists the planning activities as they are anticipated to occur within the LCG, DCD's federal program year.

***LCG, DCD Consolidated Planning Schedule**

Month	Consolidated Plan (5-Yr. Plan)	Annual Plan (Action Plan)	Annual Performance Report (CAPER)	Amendments
June	Ads for Special Needs Meetings Released			
July	Meetings (Special Needs/ Neighborhood Pride); Review Demographic Data			
August	Housing Analysis; Complete Needs Assessment			
September <i>(Prog. Year Ends - Sept. 30)</i>	Complete Needs Assessment		Prepare/Submit Questions for APR (in-house and others)	
October <i>(Prog. Year Begins - Oct. 1)</i>	Complete Needs Assessment		APR Information due towards end of month; Format APR	Submit Needs Amendments to DCD
November	Complete Needs Assessment		APR 15-day public review period begins	Review/Research Amendments; Respond to Public
December	Public Hearing #1 Discuss Priority Needs as identified through Census, local survey, and other available data; Accept Public Comment on Needs	Planning for new program year begins; PSAs; Media Ads; Flyers for Churches/ Stores; Questionnaires for In-house divisions and participating private, non-profits	Absolute Due Date for APR (28 th)	
January	Public Hearing #2 Finalize Priority Needs. Publish Ad in Newspaper Identifying Priority Needs.	Public Hearing #1 - to discuss fund balances, program income, new applications, amendments & accomplishments.		Amendments discussed at Annual Plan Public Hearing #1
February		Public Hearing #2 - Ads, flyers, PSAs for Public Hearing #2; Proposals due at end of month; Begin DCD review of funding proposals;		Amendments Released for Public Review (30 days)
March	Complete Consolidated Plan	Proposal Review Continues; DCD makes recommendations for funding; Annual Plan completed; Brief Council on Plan/Budget		Amendments Submitted to HUD
April	Con Plan 30-day Public Review Begins; Begin Fair Housing Analysis	Public Hearing #3 - To discuss proposal changes after Council Briefing; Public Review of Annual Plan (30 Days); Annual Plan and Budget due in Budget Office; Ads for Public Review in Media		
May	30-day Public Review Ends; Council Introduction of Con Plan , Annual Plan and Budget Con Plan Council Adoption of Con Plan, Annual Plan and Budget; Fair Housing Analysis	Review Period Ends; Annual Plan and Budget due in CAO office; Introduction of Annual Plan and Budget to Council		
June	Council Adopts Consolidated Plan ; Fair Housing Analysis	Council Adopts Annual Plan and Budget ; Goal for submission to HUD (25 th);		
July	Fair Housing Analysis			
August	Fair Housing Analysis Review/	Absolute last day for submission to		

	Adoption	HUD (15 th)		
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*Approximate time line; some activities subject to change. Public notice for meetings, public hearings and public review periods will be placed in local newspapers.

13. Submitting Comments Regarding Consolidated Plans, Annual Plans, Annual Performance Reports and Substantial Amendments

The general public may submit comments regarding Consolidated Planning documents in several ways:

- 1) Written comments may be submitted on the tablet provided with each of the Consolidated Planning documents released for public review. The DCD asks that you provide your name, address, phone number and comments;
- 2) Comments may be mailed or faxed to:
Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government,
Department of Community Development
(Attn. Jeff Broussard)
P. O. Box 4017-C
Lafayette, LA 70502 - - Fax #: (337) 291-8415;
- 3) Comments may be dropped off at the:
Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government,
Department of Community Development
(Attn. Jeff Broussard)
705 West University Avenue (Second Floor)
Lafayette, LA 70506; or
- 4) E-mailed to the DCD office: jbroussard@lafayettegov.com

If you have any questions about this document or the Consolidated Planning process, please call the LCG, Department of Community Development at (337) 291-8422.

Maps of Public Hearing and Document Review Sites

Appendix

**Appendix 1: Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment -Public Opinion Poll
for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Consolidated Plan**

**Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment-
Public Opinion Poll for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government
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The Lafayette Consolidated Plan (the Plan) is being prepared by the Lafayette Consolidated Government, Department of Community Development as a prerequisite for applying for federal housing and community development funds (namely the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Shelter Grant programs). The Plan focuses on the needs of low-income and “special needs” individuals and identifies the level of funding and activities necessary to address these needs. Please assist the Department of Community Development in identifying Lafayette’s housing and community development needs by completing the following survey. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

5. Please rank the following 12 needs according to their importance to you and your community (1=Most Important; 12= Least Important). Each category gets only one number and each number can only be used once. For example, if "Public Services" are most important to you, enter "1" in the space next to Public Services. If you feel that "Housing" is the second most important category on the list, then enter "2" in the space next to Housing. Continue this for all 12 categories. **THIS PART OF THE SURVEY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW ALL 12 NEEDS BEFORE RANKING THEM.**

- Housing (rental and owner housing unit construction and rehabilitation)
- Homeless Services** (emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive services)
- Public Facilities** (senior centers, youth centers, neighborhood centers, child care centers, health centers, parks, parking facilities)
- Infrastructure Needs** (solid waste disposal improvements, flood drain improvements, water improvements, street improvements, sidewalk improvements, sewer improvements, asbestos removal)
- Public Service Needs** (senior services, handicapped services, youth services, transportation services, substance abuse services, employment training, crime awareness, fair housing counseling, tenant/landlord counseling, child care services, health services)
- Accessibility Needs** (meeting handicap accessibility requirements)
- Historic Preservation** (preservation of residential and non-residential, local historic sites)
- Economic Development** (commercial and industrial rehabilitation, commercial and industrial infrastructure, micro-business development, technical assistance)
- Energy Efficiency Programs**
- Removal of Lead-Based Paint Hazards**
- Housing Code Enforcement**
- Housing and Community Development Planning**

6. Please check () one response for each of the following statements:
1. My family/household pays more than 30% of its total monthly income on housing (this includes rent/mortgage, utilities, insurance).

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

No Opinion
2. Lafayette Does Not have an adequate supply of rental housing for individuals or families with low-incomes.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

No Opinion
3. Lafayette Does Not have an adequate supply of housing that is affordable to low-income families or individuals who want to purchase a home.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

No Opinion
4. Lafayette Does Not have an adequate supply of affordable rental housing for *large*, low-income families (5+ members).

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

No Opinion
5. In my neighborhood, there are many homes with visible, physical defects.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

No Opinion

6.

Lafayette has adequate temporary housing and supportive services for homeless men.

___Strongly Agree

___Agree

___Disagree

___Strongly Disagree

___No Opinion
7.

Lafayette has adequate temporary housing and supportive services for homeless women.

___Strongly Agree

___Agree

___Disagree

___Strongly Disagree

___No Opinion
8.

Lafayette has adequate temporary housing and supportive services for homeless children.

___Strongly Agree

___Agree

___Disagree

___Strongly Disagree

___No Opinion
9.

Lafayette has adequate temporary housing and supportive services for homeless families.

___Strongly Agree

___Agree

___Disagree

___Strongly Disagree

___No Opinion

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3. For questions 1 - 5, check () only ONE answer. If you select “Other”, please identify in the space provided.

1. Which of the following public facilities is MOST needed in your community?

- ☐ Senior Centers
- ☐ Youth Centers
- ☐ Neighborhood Facilities
- ☐ Child Care Centers
- ☐ Recreation Facilities
- ☐ Health Facilities
- ☐ Parking Facilities
- ☐ Other ()
- ☐ None of the above

2. Which of the following infrastructure improvement projects is MOST needed in your community?

- ☐ Solid Waste Disposal
- ☐ Flood Drain Improvements
- ☐ Water Improvements
- ☐ Street Improvements
- ☐ Sidewalk Improvements
- ☐ Sewer Improvements
- ☐ Asbestos Removal
- ☐ Other ()
- ☐ None of the above

3. Which of the following public services is MOST needed in your community?

- ☐ Senior Services
- ☐ Handicapped Services
- ☐ Tenant/Landlord Counseling
- ☐ Transportation Services
- ☐ Youth Services
- ☐ Employment Training
- ☐ Crime Awareness Program
- ☐ Fair Housing Counseling
- ☐ Health Services
- ☐ Child Care Services
- ☐ Substance Abuse Services
- ☐ Other ()
- ☐ None of the above

4. Which of the following economic development activities is MOST needed in your community?

- ☐ Commercial/Industrial Rehabilitation
- ☐ Micro-Business Development
- ☐ Other ()
- ☐ Commercial/Industrial Infrastructure
- ☐ Technical Assistance to Micro-Businesses
- ☐ None of the above

5. Which of the remaining CDBG eligible activities is MOST needed in your community?

- ☐ Handicapped Accessibility Needs
- ☐ Housing Code Enforcement
- ☐ Energy Efficiency Improvements
- ☐ Lead Based Paint Removal
- ☐ Residential/Non-Residential Historic Preservation
- ☐ Housing and Community Development Planning
- ☐ None of the above

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